GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MUTUAL NUCLEAR RESTRAINT
RUPCHAND PAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Islamabad had sent a proposal for mutual nuclear restraint: and;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) On 13th June 2000, Pakistan suggested through an official statement that India and Pakistan adhere to a `strategic restraint regime for avoidance of an arms race, nuclear and conventional, and confidence building in the region ... on a reciprocal basis`. The statement was issued on the eve of resumption of Pakistan`s dialogue with the US on non-proliferation.